

TOWN OF AMHERST TENTS – PERMITTING

Permits:

1. Permits are required for all tents covering *120 square feet or more in area, which will have an occupancy of ten (10) or more individuals.
2. An affidavit certifying flame resistance or non-combustibility of the tent material, in accordance with Sections 3104.5 & 3104.6 of the Massachusetts State Building Code, 6th Edition, must be submitted with the application.
3. Tents shall conform to the means of egress requirements of the Massachusetts State Building Code, 6th Edition (780 CMR), Chapter 10 and shall have a maximum exit access travel distance of 100 feet.
4. All tents installed **by the same installer, for the same event, in the same general location** (i.e. the Town Common) can go on the same application.
 - a. A single contact person will be required for multiple tents on a single application.
 - b. All information required by Building Code for each tent must be submitted with the application.
 - c. A plan showing the location of the tents and identifying the tents (in a way that corresponds with required documentation) must be submitted with the Building Permit Application.
5. The fee will be \$25.00 for the first tent and \$5.00 for each additional tent, on a multiple tent permit application.
6. The fee for single tents will be \$25.00
7. **The Signature Card must be on site at the time of Inspection.**

*Tents “ganged” together will be treated as a single tent for the purpose of area calculations, flame resistance & egress requirements. They will require extra stakes where they meet so that the tie downs are separated.

For more specific Building Code information see Chapter 31 of the Massachusetts State Building Code, 6th Edition (780 CMR) or go to Basic Information – Tents on our website www.town.amherst.ma.us